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This newsletter will be delivered to you on a monthly basis with content curated for USask's graduate community. Scroll through to learn about upcoming events, opportunities, and more.



Deadlines

Feb. 2: [Canadian Federation of University Women Award - Application Deadline](#)

Feb. 2: [Mackenzie King Open Scholarship & Mackenzie King Travelling Scholarship - Application Deadline](#)

Feb. 23: [CAGS/UMI Distinguished Dissertation Award - Nomination Deadline](#)

Feb. 23: [Robert P. Knowles Scholarship - Application Deadline](#)

Feb. 27: [Saskatchewan Lieutenant Governor Indigenous Scholarship - Application Deadline](#)

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Feb. 27: [Teacher-Scholar Doctoral Fellowship - Application Deadline](#)

Events

Feb. 4: [How to Identify and Research Non-Academic Employers | Beyond the Professoriate](#)

Feb. 18: [Why Generic Resumes Won't Get You a Job Offer | Beyond the Professoriate](#)

Feb. 18 - 19: [Resume & CV Writing | LevelUP PD by CGPS](#)

Mar. 18 - 19: [Effective Interview Skills | LevelUP PD by CGPS](#)

View all upcoming dates and deadlines in the [CGPS Calendar](#).



Safety and Health in Agricultural and Rural Populations (SHARP) 2026 | Now accepting abstracts

USask's Canadian Centre for Rural and Agricultural Health (CCRAH) is hosting their 8th International symposium: Safety and Health in Agricultural and Rural Populations (SHARP) from **June 15th to 18th, 2026** in Saskatoon. The symposium emphasizes research, programs, and services focused on health and safety for rural and agricultural populations.

Abstracts are accepted in all areas of health, safety, wellness and wellbeing of agricultural, occupational, rural and remote people, workers, and communities. Proposals exploring both research and outreach activities are welcome, including work in progress and student projects. The deadline to submit abstracts is **February 6th, 2026**.

Student registration rates are available. [Learn more.](#)

Call for Judges | Undergraduate Research Symposium 2026

Graduate students, postdocs, and faculty members are invited to serve as judges at the 2026 Undergraduate Research Symposium on **February 25**.

Judges will be provided with a rubric and assigned 2-3 projects during either the morning or afternoon sessions. Judges are asked to spend approximately 10-15 minutes at each

presentation completing a score sheet. At the end of the day, results will be compiled, and awards will be presented across several categories.

To register as a judge, fill out [this form](#) by February 18th. Questions can be directed to vpacademic@ussu.ca

Immigration Application Review Clinic | Monthly drop-in events

USask's Regulated International Student Immigration Advisors (RISIA) are now hosting monthly drop-in immigration application review clinics. These clinics are great for students who need initial guidance or have already started their application and would benefit from additional feedback.

Please bring your laptop and plan to spend 10-15 minutes one-on-one with a RISIA. [View the full schedule.](#)

Innovate2Build at Opus | Applications now open

Opus, USask's startup incubator, has launched applications for its 2026 i2Build cohort. Applications are open until **February 8th at 11:59PM**.

Learn more about the program and apply here: opus.usask.ca/programs/innovate2build

JSGS Open House | Careers in the Public Impact Sector

Thinking about what's next? See how professional graduate programs can open doors to careers in government and social impact. Hear how our alumni did it, plus get exclusive insights from former Deputy Minister, followed by a networking reception. **Free to attend - register to join.**

When: Thursday, February 12, 2026

Time: 5 - 7PM

Location: 101 Diefenbaker Building, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon

Awards Opportunities



Distinguished Graduate Mentorship Award | Nominate your mentor today

The Distinguished Graduate Mentorship Award honours USask graduate faculty who have demonstrated exceptional mentorship. These outstanding mentors inspire creativity, encourage innovative research, and guide graduate students toward making a meaningful

impact on the future. Their influence is vital to the success of graduate students, both in academic settings and beyond.

The call for nominations is open until **February 27, 2026**. For more information, visit the [CGPS website](#).

Clement Employee Service Award | Now accepting nominations

The Clement Employee Service Award was established in memory of Kelly Clement to recognize the outstanding contributions of USask staff members to USask's graduate student community.

Nominees will demonstrate their commitment to supporting graduate students by pursuing goals and objectives that align with at least one of the three aspirational areas of the College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: achieving inclusive academic excellence, creating knowledge and skills, and rejuvenating relationships.

The call for nominations is open until **February 27, 2026**. For more information, visit the [CGPS website](#).

Nominations Open for USask Internationalization Recognition Awards

As part of the University of Saskatchewan Blueprint for Action, the International Office announces the J.W. George Ivany Internationalization Award, Global Research Leadership Award for Faculty, Global Research Leadership Award for Students, and International Engagement Service Award for Staff.

These awards are to recognize the achievements of faculty, staff, students, and postdoctoral scholars who provide outstanding contributions to the internationalization of USask. Nominate a deserving colleague for an Internationalization Award!

Nomination deadline: March 31, 2026, 4PM CST

Value: \$1500

Visit [internationaloffice.usask.ca/awards](#) for details.

Professional Development



Featured Webinars | Beyond the Professoriate PD Offering

Registration is open for these live webinars through [Beyond the Professoriate](#), a premier platform dedicated to supporting your transition into academic and non-academic careers.

How to Identify and Research Non-Academic Employers

Date: February 4, 2026

Time: 11:00AM - 11:45AM

Why Generic Resumes Won't Get You a Job Offer | Beyond the Professoriate

Date: February 18, 2026

Time: 11:00AM - 11:45AM

Upcoming LevelUP Professional Development Workshops | Register now

Mark your calendars for Winter Term workshops! Check out [our website](#) for topics such as:

- [Resume & CV Writing](#)
- [Effective Interview Skills](#)
- Individual Development Plans, and more!

Here's what your fellow graduate students have to say about their experience with CGPS LevelUP workshops:

- "The resume workshop helped me transform my CV into a powerful tool!"
- "I gained invaluable insights from the interview skills session - it boosted my confidence!"
- "Participating in CGPS workshops helped me clarify my career goals and provided actionable steps."

Stay proactive in your professional journey, sign up for workshops, participate in webinars, and connect with your peers. Your future starts here with CGPS.



Message from the Society of Postdoctoral Scholars | Holiday Social Event

On December 10th, the [Society of Postdoctoral Scholars \(SPS\)](#) hosted a holiday social for postdocs around campus. We had fun decorating cookies, playing trivia, and making hot chocolates at the hot chocolate bar. Thank you to everyone who joined us! Watch out for more events coming up this semester!

Provost's Postdoctoral Fellowships for Black and Indigenous Scholars

The [Provost's Postdoctoral Fellowships for Black and Indigenous Scholars](#) will support up to 2 successful applicants this year. With a salary of \$70,000 provided each year for a two-year term, scholars will be able to dedicate their time to pursuing a proposed project, working alongside a supervisor and other mentors, while also gaining access to guidance from faculty, students and alumni.

The deadline to apply is April 1, 2026. [Learn more.](#)

McCall MacBain Postdoctoral Fellows Teaching & Leadership Program | Free events for postdocs in Canada

The [McCall MacBain Postdoctoral Fellows Teaching & Leadership Program](#), offered by McMaster University, is offering a variety of free virtual events for postdocs in Canada. Take advantage of this opportunity to engage and network with seasoned faculty, industry experts, and other PDFs.

Check out the [full schedule](#) for Winter 2026.

The Postdoc e-Magazine by CAPS/ACPP

The Canadian Association of Postdoctoral Scholars (CAPS) shares a monthly e-magazine for postdocs at Canadian institutions. To access the publication, visit the [CAPS/ACPP website](#).

Society of Postdoctoral Scholars | Visit our website

Visit the Society of Postdoctoral Scholars (SPS) webpage for information about the society, representatives and employment resources. [Click here to visit their website.](#)



Governor General's Gold Medallist uses VR to level up nursing education

This year's Governor General's Gold Medallist at the University of Saskatchewan (USask) is transforming nursing education with immersive virtual reality. [Read more.](#)

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